

Panama Canal Regulations

§ 111.27

nature of the relationship between the towing vessel and the vessel being towed as authorized by §111.36 (Rule 36), in particular by illuminating the towline.

§ 111.25 Sailing vessels under way and vessels under oars (Rule 25).

(a) A sailing vessel under way shall exhibit:

- (1) Sidelights; and
- (2) A sternlight.

(b) In a sailing vessel of less than 20 meters in length the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this section may be combined in one lantern carried at or near the top of the mast where it can best be seen.

(c) A sailing vessel under way may, in addition to the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) of this section, exhibit at or near the top of the mast, where they can best be seen, two all-round lights in a vertical line, the upper being red and the lower green, but these lights shall not be exhibited in conjunction with the combined lantern permitted by paragraph (b) of this section.

(d)(1) A sailing vessel of less than 7 meters in length shall, if practicable, exhibit the lights prescribed in paragraph (a) or (b) of this section, but if she does not, she shall have ready at hand an electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light which shall be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent collision.

(2) A vessel under oars may exhibit the lights prescribed in this section for sailing vessels, but if she does not, she shall have ready at hand an electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light which shall be exhibited in sufficient time to prevent collision.

(e) A vessel proceeding under sail when also being propelled by machinery shall exhibit forward where it can best be seen a conical shape, apex downwards.

§ 111.26 Fishing vessels (Rule 26).

Vessels engaged in fishing, as defined in §111.3 (d) (Rule 3 (d)) of this part, shall stay well clear of the navigable waters of the Canal Operating Areas.

§ 111.27 Vessels not under command or restricted in their ability to maneuver (Rule 27).

(a) A vessel not under command shall exhibit:

(1) Two all-round red lights in a vertical line where they can best be seen;

(2) Two balls or similar shapes in a vertical line where they can best be seen;

(3) When making way through the water, in addition to the lights prescribed in this paragraph, sidelights and a sternlight.

(b) A vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver shall exhibit:

(1) Three all-round lights in a vertical line where they can best be seen. The highest and lowest of these lights shall be red and the middle light shall be white;

(2) Three shapes in a vertical line where they can best be seen. The highest and lowest of these shapes shall be balls and the middle one a diamond;

(3) When making way through the water, masthead light or lights, sidelights and a sternlight, in addition to the lights prescribed in paragraph (b)(1) of this section;

(4) When at anchor, in addition to the lights or shapes prescribed in paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section, the lights or shapes prescribed in §111.30 (Rule 30).

(c) A vessel engaged in a towing operation such as severely restricts the towing vessel and her tow in their ability to deviate from her course shall, in addition to the lights or shapes prescribed in §111.24 (a) (Rule 24 (a)), exhibit the lights or shape prescribed in paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section.

(d) A vessel engaged in dredging or underwater operations, when restricted in her ability to maneuver, shall exhibit the lights and shapes prescribed in paragraphs (b)(1), (2) and (3) of this section and shall in addition, when an obstruction exists, exhibit:

(1) Two all-round red lights or two balls in a vertical line to indicate the side on which the obstruction exists;

(2) Two all-round green lights or two diamonds on a vertical line to indicate the side in which another vessel may pass;